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FORMER SERBIAN SOLDIER SENTENCED FOR IMMIGRATION FRAUD AND PERJURY

PHOENIX – Zdravko Bozic, 40, of Bosnia, was sentenced here on March 30, 2005 to 12 months in prison by U.S. District Judge Earl H. Carroll. At the completion of his sentence Bozic will be turned over to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Bozic is a native and citizen of the former Yugoslavia, now Bosnia-Herzegovina. Due to the atrocities committed by both sides during the Bosnian War from 1992 to 1995, Bosnians who seek refuge in the U.S. are required to declare in detail all military service, including service in the Serbian Army. While under oath, Bozic made false and fraudulent statements regarding his military service that allowed him to obtain immigration benefits and move to the United States.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the FBI and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The prosecution was handled by Andrew Pacheco and Camille Bibles, Assistant U.S. Attorneys, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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